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(*d*) Attempts were made to dredge the Buckingham Canal in 1896 and 1917. On both occasions the attempts proved failures owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing in the canal.

In 1904 the Executive Engineer, Chingleput division, made an experiment with a dredger on the Cooum in removing the slush and soft mud along the toe of the slip near Government House and found that the working of the dredger was unsatisfactory and costly.

Registration

Opening of new sub-registrars' offices in South Kanara.

*85 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the representations made by the South Kanara District Advancement Association regarding the necessity for opening new sub-registry offices when the hon. Minister for Public Health visited Mangalore last year; and if so,

(*b*) what action do the Government propose to take in this matter?

A.—The District Advancement Association, South Kanara, urged the need for the opening of Sub-Registry Offices at Kadaba, Badiadka or Perdala, Nileshwar and Shirva. The Government have issued orders introducing, temporarily, the itinerating system of registry at Kadaba. On account of the present financial stringency, proposals in respect of the other places will be considered in connexion with the budget for 1932-33.

Veterinary

Starting a buffalo-breeding station either in Vizagapatam or East Godavari district.

*86 Q.—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether he has considered or is considering the desirability of starting in Vizagapatam or East Godavari district, a buffalo-breeding station as at Guntur?

A.—A buffalo-breeding station was started in 1918 at Samalkot. Buffaloes of the local breed were used. The experiment was not a success. The station was closed in 1922 and another was opened at Guntur. Delhi buffaloes are used for breeding.

No proposal for starting a buffalo-breeding station in Vizagapatam or East Godavari is under consideration.

Education

Representation of Chittoor District Teacher-Managers' Association, District Educational Council.

*87 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received resolutions from the Chittoor District Teacher-Managers' Association, requesting representation of that association in the Chittoor District Educational Council;

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(b) whether the Chittoor District Educational Council made a similar recommendation to the Government; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken on them?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government declined to comply with the request that the number of representatives of teacher-managers on the District Educational Council, Chittoor, might be raised from *two to four*.

Grants to aided schools.

* 88 Q.—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that most of the District Educational Councils have reduced grants for the aided schools, in some cases for three years consecutively;

(b) whether the hon. Minister proposes to place sufficient funds in the hands of the District Educational Councils to avoid such reductions in future; and

(c) whether the hon. the Minister proposes to increase the scale of teaching grants to aided schools under the Grant-in-Aid Code?

A.—(a) In the case of some District Educational Councils the allotments for payment of teaching grants placed at their disposal were less than their demands and these councils will have had to reduce the grants correspondingly.

(b) There is no such proposal at present. The question of altering the present procedure in the distribution of teaching grants with a view to secure uniformity in all districts and to base the allotments on the actual requirements of District Educational Councils instead of on their demands, is under consideration.

(c) No.

Grants to the Boy Scouts Association.

* 89 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Boy Scouts Association have asked for increased grants; and

(b) what amount is proposed to be provided for them in the coming budget?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The application of the Association for an increased grant is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I ask whether the hon. Minister is aware that several provincial Governments as well as Native States have been much more liberal in giving grants to the Boy Scouts Association and whether he will bear this in mind in coming to a decision on this question?"